

REMARKS

By the Office Action of mailed January 21, 2004, Paper No. 21, Claims 10-14, 29-31, and 36-39 are withdrawn from the Application, Claims 48-51 are allowed and Claims 45-47 are objected to.

1. Election/Restrictions

Applicants have cancelled the withdrawn claims 10-14, 29-31 and 36-39. Applicants reserve the right to present these claims in a divisional application.

2. Specification

Applicants have amended the Specification as kindly suggested by the Examiner to place it in idiomatic English. A substitute Specification is enclosed incorporating these amendments and all prior amendments to the Specification. The substitute Specification contains no new matter.

3. The Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 45-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 45 has been amended to address the indefiniteness identified. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this objection in view of the amendment. No indefiniteness was identified with respect to Claims 46 and 47. Claims 46 and 47 are amended to conform to the amendment of Claim 45.

4. Claim 48

Claim 48 is amended to correct an obvious typographical error in line 9.

5. New Claims 52-54

Claims 52-54 are newly added placing the terms in Claim 45 objected to under Section 112 and deleted by the above amendment in dependent form. These claims are believed allowable for the same reasons as their base Claim 45.

6. Fees

An extension of time petition is hereby requested sufficient to render this response timely. A Petition requesting the extension and a check to cover the petition fee are enclosed

In addition, the Office is authorized to charge any fee deficiency in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account no. 20-0778.

CONCLUSION

In view of the comments and remarks herein, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable action. Should the Examiner have any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney at 770.933.9500 (x213).

Respectfully submitted,



Todd Deveau

Registration No. 29,526

THOMAS, KAYDEN,
HORSTEMEYER & RISLEY, LLP
100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1750
Atlanta, Georgia 30339
Phone: 770-933-9500
Fax: 770-951-0933